

2014 Annual Conference

Keynote Speaker Bios

Jill Davies

Deputy Director
Greater Hartford Legal Aid, Inc.

Attorney Jill Davies is a nationally recognized domestic violence expert known for her leadership in conceiving and developing the victim-defined approach to advocacy. She has written and consulted extensively on domestic violence advocacy, safety planning, poverty, and legal issues. Ms. Davies currently serves as deputy director of Greater Hartford Legal Aid, Inc. and director of Building Comprehensive Solutions to Domestic Violence, a key initiative of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence. She recently co-authored Domestic Violence Advocacy: Complex Lives/Difficult Choices, available from Sage Publications in September 2013.

Ulester Douglas

Interim Executive Director
Men Stopping Violence

Ulester Douglas, a native of St. Kitts, has extensive and specialized training in working with individuals, families and communities affected by violence. In addition to his work at Men Stopping Violence, Ulester is a licensed psychotherapist with an independent practice in metro Atlanta. He was awarded a National Institute of Mental Health Fellowship in 1990 while completing his graduate work at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Recently, Ulester completed his first year as an instructor at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ulester was honored by Lifetime Television for Women and the National Network to End Domestic Violence in 2003, and in 2012 by The Ford Motor Company, for his work to end violence against women. He has also received numerous awards including the National District Attorneys Association's Stephen L. Von Riesen Lecturer of Merit Award in 2010, and the National Black Herstory Task Force's Comrade Salute Award in 2004. He has been interviewed by several local, national and international media including CNN, HLN, The Tom Joyner Morning Show, The Al Sharpton Show, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution and Atlanta's V103.

Casey Gwinn

President and Co-Founder
Family Justice Center Alliance

Casey Gwinn is the President and Co-Founder of the Alliance. Casey is also the visionary behind the Family Justice Center Movement, first proposing the concept of the Family Justice Center model in 1989. He is a national expert on domestic violence, including prosecution, strangulation, and best practices. Prior to this position, Casey was the elected San Diego City Attorney.